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| <b>Office Action Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b> | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |
|                              | 10/590,628             | DIEBOLD ET AL.      |
|                              | <b>Examiner</b>        | <b>Art Unit</b>     |
|                              | Michael J. Zanelli     | 3661                |

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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/19/07.  
 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                    2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 11-20 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) 11,17 and 18 is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 12-16,19 and 20 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 24 August 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .                                    |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>8/24/06</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
|  | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .                        |

## DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined. The preliminary amendment filed 8/24/06 has been entered. Claims 11-20 are pending.
2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.
3. The IDS filed 8/24/06 has been considered.
4. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Reference numbers "20", "21" and "22" are not shown in Fig. 2 as described in paragraphs [0041] and [0043] of the substitute specification.
5. Claims 12 and 13 are objected to because of the following informalities:
  - A. As per claim 12, at line 4 insert --on-- after "depending".
  - B. All claims depending from an objected base claim are also objected to as containing the same deficiencies.
6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 12-16 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

  - A. As per claim 12, at line 4 the term "rollover" lacks sufficient antecedence. It appears applicant may be referring to the term "tilt" found in claim 11. If this is the case, applicant should use consistent terminology throughout the claims to avoid ambiguity.

- B. As per claim 15, the claim is unclear as to what is meant by “lag of release” since no context has been given (i.e., release of what).
- C. As per claim 16, “the driving situation” lacks antecedence (see claim 12).
- D. As per claim 19, the driving situation” lacks antecedence (see claim 12).

Also the term “rollover” lacks sufficient antecedence. It appears applicant may be referring to the term “tilt” found in claim 11. If this is the case, applicant should use consistent terminology throughout the claims to avoid ambiguity.

- E. All claims depending from a rejected base claim are also rejected as containing the same deficiencies.

7. Claims 11-20 are distinguishable over the prior art of record. EP1386805A2, which was cited as an “X” reference in the International Search Report, does not appear to address at least the determination of the tendency to turn about a vertical axis of the vehicle based on input from a lateral acceleration sensor, yaw rate sensor, steering angle sensor and wheel speed sensors, and using the extent of the determined tendency to turn, as well as the tendency to tilt, to generate a triggering signal for a passenger restraint device.

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Zanelli whose telephone number is (571) 272-6969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas G. Black can be reached on (571) 272-6956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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